
Juvenile Drug Court Staff

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Mission Statement

The Juvenile Drug Court seeks to provide an environment for court-supervised juveniles to become clean and sober and successful in their families, schools and community.

Commissioner
James E. Sullivan



If you need assistance or an accommodation in order to participate in these court services, please contact:

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Juvenile Drug Court



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Dedicated to Juvenile Justice

Introduction

Juvenile Drug Court is a program of court-supervised drug treatment for non-violent juvenile offenders with a drug abuse problem.

How does Juvenile Drug Court work?

Candidates for Juvenile Drug Court are specially chosen by his/her Deputy Juvenile Officer or defense attorney, based upon certain guidelines, and then approved by the Juvenile Drug Court Team. The Juvenile Drug Court Team is under the direction of the Drug Court Commissioner. Members of the Juvenile Drug Court Team include the Commissioner, Drug Court Coordinator, juvenile's defense attorney, Deputy Juvenile Officer, attorney for the Deputy Juvenile Officer, a treatment specialist, the court clerk, deputy sheriff and other professionals.

Participation in the Juvenile Drug Court is voluntary. A participant is expected to follow the rules of the program, the instructions of the Commissioner and the treatment plan developed. The program length is determined by each participant's individual progress, but is at least eleven (11) months.

Program Requirements

1. Drug Testing

Program participants are drug tested throughout the entire program at least once per week and often more. Testing is done on a random basis and may be required any day of the week.

2. Court Appearances

Program participants are required to appear in court on a regular basis (about once a week). Each participant is encouraged to bring his/her parent(s). At each appearance, the Commissioner will be given a report prepared by the Deputy Juvenile Officer about the participant's progress.

3. Defense Attorney

An attorney from the Public Defender's Office will defend Juvenile Drug Court participants if there is a change in their legal status.

4. Deputy Juvenile Officer

The participant's assigned Deputy Juvenile Officer is in charge of helping the participant achieve the goals while his/her case is before the Court. The DJO will check on school attendance, consult with parent(s)/guardian(s) and monitor the participant's curfew. All juveniles are in Nightwatch or on Electronic Monitoring unless in residential placement.

5. Treatment

Each participant's drug problem will be assessed. Based upon the assessment, a treatment plan will be developed.

6. 12-Step Meetings

Attendance at 12-step meetings (Narcotics Anonymous, Marijuana Anonymous and/or Alcoholics Anonymous) is required at least one time each week.

7. Sheriff

A Deputy Sheriff will be in Court every week to maintain order.

Other Requirements

Juvenile Drug Court participants are also required to comply with the "General Juvenile Drug Court Rules".

Consequences of Behavior

Incentives

1. Being called first on the docket
2. Awarded privileges like travel out of town
3. Rewards such as movie tickets, gift coupons, etc.
4. Applause and praise in the Courtroom
5. Reduction in required Court appearances

Sanctions

When a participant fails to comply with the Juvenile Drug Court program, the Commissioner may, at his discretion, order one or more sanctions.

Sanctions may include Community Service, detaining the participant in the Detention Center, increased intensity of treatment, written reports and other projects or the use of the Electronic Monitoring Program.

Graduation

The Juvenile Drug Court Team must agree that the participant has met all of the requirements and that he/she has successfully integrated the necessary information to support long-term recovery in order to graduate from Juvenile Drug Court.